

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 5-9 and 11 were objected to because of informalities. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Williamson, Jr. et al. ('106) in view of Hosmer ('899) and Butt ('263). Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Williamson, Jr. et al. in view of Hosmer and Butt as applied to claim 7 above, and further in view of Hughes ('574).

Claim 1 has been amended by introducing the contents of claim 6. Claim 6 has subsequently been cancelled.

None of the prior art discloses or teaches the invention as claimed in amended claim 1. Butt discloses a locking system that has a master control switch for activating multiple doors at once. Butt does not disclose a system that has a plurality of locking mechanisms wherein each locking mechanism includes an override connection which may be selectively connected to bypass the plurality of switches.

Each locking mechanism has an override connection. Therefore, all switches can be overridden by connecting the override connection at any locking mechanism. Furthermore, in support of claim 7, the override switch may be connected to any locking mechanism.

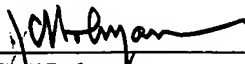
The present application provides a significant benefit over the prior art. The present invention allows flexibility where the user can override all switches by connecting a connection at any given locking mechanism. The user can choose to use the override connection at any locking mechanism to override all switches.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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